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## **REMARKS**

Claims 21-55 are cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer and Applicant reserves the right to pursue subject matter of such claims in one or more continuing patent applications. Claims 1 and 18 are amended and the amendments find basis in the claims as originally filed and in the specification throughout. Accordingly, no prohibited new matter is introduced by entry of the claim amendments.

In the unlikely event a fee calculation document or other pertinent document is separated from this submission and the Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief, including extensions of time, and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. **50-3473**.

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